

RESOLUTION NO. 20-14

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Port Angeles, Washington, supporting product stable financing, increased recycling and resource recovery, and reduced environmental impacts.

WHEREAS, local governments are the primary collectors of unwanted paint in Washington. Paint is the second largest waste stream, behind used oil, collected for our Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) programs, and only 38% of available leftover paint or 507,235 gallons of paint were collected in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the reduction and recycling of paint follows the state's waste management hierarchy; and

WHEREAS, unused, leftover oil-based and latex paints pose a health risk to our families and the environment. Oil based paints are toxic, can harm fish and wildlife, can pollute groundwater if dumped, and contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that can irritate eyes, skin, and lungs, cause headaches and nausea, and can contribute to asthma or other respiratory problems, muscle weakness and liver and kidney damage; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of purchased paint becomes leftover waste paint, resulting in 1.34 million gallons of leftover paint in Washington in 2010. Only 28% of leftover latex paint collected in Washington in 2011 was recycled and 60% of state residents (including those in Clallam County) had no access to latex collection. Leftover latex paint can be made into recycled-content paint, reducing the raw materials needed to produce virgin paints, and the energy required to extract those materials and manufacture new paint; and

WHEREAS, Product Stewardship is a policy approach that shifts financial and physical responsibility for end-of-life management of consumer products from local governments to those who benefit economically from the sale of the products they produce and to those who use the products; and


WHEREAS, when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are reused or recycled or disposed of responsibly, also known as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments have been in negotiations with paint manufacturers of the American Coatings Association to reach agreement on paint producer responsibility since 2002, which led to a 2008 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Washington Department of Ecology and Washington state local jurisdictions; and

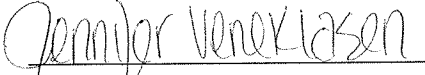
WHEREAS, this resolution was recommended by a unanimous vote of the Clallam County Solid Waste Advisory Committee on September 18, 2014 and the Clallam County Board of Commissioners on October 14, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Port Angeles that the City supports the most effective state producer responsibility legislation achievable for paint.

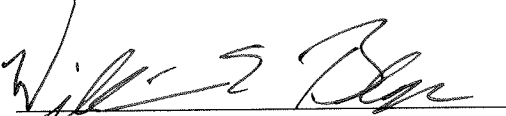
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Port Angeles at a regular meeting of said Council held on the day of 4th of November, 2014.


Dan Di Giulio, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Veneklasen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William E. Bloor, City Attorney